

block 11 is then moved back and forth along the base portion of the shoe upper for cleaning the same.

Polish or other cleaning substance may be applied on said rear end 11<sup>b</sup> to facilitate the polishing operation. Preferably the rear end 11<sup>b</sup> is curved to conform with the natural curvature of the shoe upper B in the vicinity of the welt or sole A of the shoe.

In Figs. 6 and 7 another embodiment of the invention has been disclosed which is very similar to the prior form, distinguishing merely in the fact that the headed tubular member 14 is slightly longer so that there is a projecting portion 14<sup>b</sup> projecting above a washer 16 placed on the top of the block 11. An expansion spring 21 is mounted upon this projecting portion, and acts between the head of the screw 17 and the washer 16 for urging the headed tubular member 14 upwards. Then the edge portions of the head 14<sup>a</sup> of the headed tubular member 14 engage serrations 22 extended along the sides of the elongated slot 15. The underside of the head 14<sup>a</sup> is formed with complementary serrations 22' engaging the serrations 22.

The article, in accordance with this form of the invention is used in the identical manner to that described relative to the prior form, except for the fact that the felt block 11 may be held in various fixed positions on the plate 10 without the necessity of manually holding it so. The spring 21 acts indirectly to so hold the block 11. When it is desired to shift the block 11 along the plate 10 it is first necessary that pressure be applied on the screw 17. This presses down the tubular member 14, compressing the spring 21.

The head 14<sup>a</sup> then has its serrations 22' disengaged from the serrations 22. The block 11 may now be moved forwards or rearwards to any selected position. When the screw 17 is released, the spring 21 will move the tubular member 14 back to its original position in which the serrations 22' reengage the serrations 22 holding the felt block 11 in its new position.

In Figs. 8 and 9, the plate 10' is formed with an elongated opening 25 which terminates in an enlarged rectangular opening 25<sup>a</sup> at one end. A headed member 26 is embedded in a block of felt 27, so that its head 26<sup>a</sup> extends beyond the upper face 27<sup>a</sup> of the felt block 27, so that the enlarged head 26<sup>a</sup> may be projected through the enlarged opening 25<sup>a</sup> of the plate 10' and act as a guide to permit the felt block 27 to slide with respect to the plate 10'.

This arrangement permits the front flanged end 27<sup>b</sup> or the rear curved end 27<sup>c</sup> to be covered or be free of the edges 10<sup>b</sup> or 10<sup>c</sup>, respectively, of the plate 10'.

It is to be understood that this shoe cleaning and polishing guide may be used to clean any portion of the upper or sole of the shoe where a contrast of colors is present.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed, and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications

coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A shoe cleaning and polishing guide, comprising a plate having a front end, a rear end, a block of felt slidably mounted on said plate and having a front flanged end and a rear curved end, whereby the block may be placed with its ends in specific relation to the ends of said plate, said plate having prongs at its sides engaging against the sides of said felt block to assist in slidably holding the block.

2. A shoe cleaning and polishing guide, comprising a plate having a front end, a rear end and a slot extended at right angles between said ends, a block of felt slidably mounted on said plate and having a front flanged end and a rear curved end, whereby the block may be placed with its ends in specific relation to the ends of said plate, a headed tubular member being mounted through said block and having its headed end engaging through said slot for slidably connecting these parts, and a screw mounted upon the other end of the tubular member for releasably holding the block on said tubular member which is slidable on said plate.

3. A shoe cleaning and polishing guide, comprising a plate having a front end, a rear end and a slot extended at right angles between said ends, a block of felt slidably mounted on said plate and having a front flanged end and a rear curved end, whereby the block may be placed with its ends in specific relation to the ends of said plate, a headed tubular member being mounted through said block and having its headed end engaging through said slot for slidably connecting these parts, and a screw mounted upon the other end of the tubular member for releasably holding the block on said tubular member which is slidable on said plate, said plate being provided with side flanges extending inwards from the edges thereof and partially extending over the headed end of said tubular member.

4. A shoe cleaning and polishing guide, comprising a plate having a front end, a rear end and a slot extended at right angles between said ends, a block of felt slidably mounted on said plate and having a front flanged end and a rear curved end, whereby the block may be placed with its ends in specific relation to the ends of said plate, a headed tubular member being mounted through said block and having its headed end engaging through said slot for slidably connecting these parts, and a screw mounted upon the other end of the tubular member for releasably holding the block on said tubular member which is slidable on said plate, said plate being provided with side flanges extending inwards from the edges thereof and partially extending over the headed end of said tubular member, one of the ends of said side flanges being cut out through which the headed tubular member may be removed when the block is in a certain position on the plate.

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